

# Growth

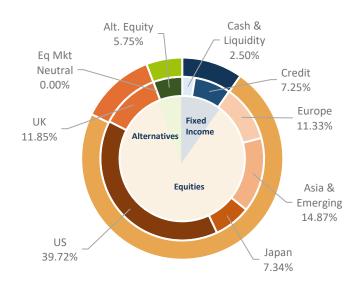
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### Objective

To deliver high levels of capital growth in excess of the Consumer Prices Index over the recommended minimum time horizon of 10+ years.

The Fund will seek to achieve its objective by investing at least 70% in collective investment vehicles, a greater proportion of which will be allocated to growth assets (such as equities) than to defensive assets (such as fixed interest and cash).

#### **Asset Allocation**



## Recent Changes (Previous 3 months)



Purchased None.



Increased Lazard Japanese Strategic Equity.



Sold None.



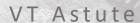
Reduced Jupiter Japan Income.



We reduced our Jupiter Japan Income position to increase our Lazard Japanese Strategic Equity.

## Holdings

Fix	ed Income & Cash	9.75%				
Cash & Liquidity	Cash					
	Blackrock Sterling Liquid Env. Awar	e Fund				
Credit	Man GLG Sterling Corporate Bond					
	Man GLG Dynamic Income					
	BlueBay Financial Capital Bond					
	Ninety One EM Blended Debt					
	Equity	84.50%				
UK Equity	JPMorgan UK Equity Core					
	ES R&M UK Recovery					
	Abrdn UK Mid-Cap Equity					
Int. Equity	ES R&M European					
	LF Miton European Opportunities					
	Polar Emerging Markets Stars					
	iShares MSCI EM SRI ETF					
	Jupiter Japan Income					
	Lazard Japanese Strategic Equity					
	M&G Japan Smaller Companies					
	Baillie Gifford American					
	iShares S&P 500 Equal Weight ETF					
	Federated Hermes US SMID Equity Hedged					
	L&G Russell 2000 US Small Cap ETF					
	iShares Core S&P 500 ETF					
	L&G US Equity					
Thematic Equity	M&G Global Listed Infrastructure					
	Regnan Sustainable Water and Was	ste				
	Alternatives	5.75%				
Alt. Equity	Syncona					
	Structured Products					





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#### Performance



VT Astute Growth A Acc

UK CPI + 3.5%

Morningstar UK Moderately Adventurous Target Allocation

#### Cumulative & Discrete Performance

	1 Year	Launch	2023	2022	2021	2020*
VT Astute Growth	7.09	17.89	10.15	-15.42	11.69	10.88
Benchmark	5.96	36.06	7.50	13.33	8.86	2.26
Comparator	8.93	24.92	10.67	-7.27	12.27	6.14

Performance is net of ongoing charges. \*Data from the 20th of July 2020 (Fund launch).

#### Commentary

February was a reasonably good month for markets, with resilient economic data and relatively strong earnings reports both contributing to year-to-date gains. In contrast, fixed income markets were broadly down over February. Within equities, emerging markets performed well over the month thanks primarily to a Chinese rebound after the Chinese government announced a number of supportive interventions, including a cut to the 5-year loan prime rate (a benchmark for mortgage rates), curbs on short selling, and stock purchases by state-owned investment firms. In developed markets, Japan continued to outperform, with the Nikkei 225 Index reaching a new all-time high for the first time in over 30 years. Earnings season continued, with five of the 'magnificent seven' US stocks reporting results for the previous quarter. These companies broadly met or exceeded expectations, contributing to a gain in the S&P 500 over the month. In contrast, UK stocks lagged with resent earnings data out of the UK disappointing. Fixed income markets came under pressure as investors continued to push out interest rate cuts further into 2024, with US Treasuries down in February and the less rate-sensitive high yield bond markets outperformed.

#### **ESG** Rating

# MSCI **ESG RATINGS**



**Fund Details** 

£ 90.58m **Fund Size** CPI + 3.5% **Benchmark** 

Morningstar UK Moderately Comparator **Adventurous Target Allocation** Manager Astute Investment Management

Valu Trac ACD OEIC (UCITS) **Fund Type** 20th July 2020 **Launch Date** OCF 0.81% **Total No. Holdings** 28 **Dealing Frequency** Daily ISIN

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#### Fund Management Team



Scott Osborne PhD CFA Chief Investment Officer



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Risks

Investments can fall as well as rise and you may get back less than your original investment. Changes in markets, currency exchange rates or interest rates may have adverse effects on the value of your investments. Past performance is never a guide to future performance.

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